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JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS BLOG
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Although the UN recommended giving 55% of Palestine to form the Jewish state of Israel, Alice Rothchild states, “the principles that Israel was founded on are ultimately indefensible.” Israel never acknowledged internal borders. Now Palestinians live on less than 15% of historic Palestine in Gaza and a “swiss cheese” of walled in communities. How could Palestinians now agree to a two state solution? Rothchild recommends that the Jewish community overcome “this particular way of dealing with …the Holocaust….We need to acknowledge that we are no longer victims.”

And Israelis will not agree to a one state solution of 6.8 million Jews and 6.8 million Arabs living side by side. So what can be done about this deadly 72 year stalemate? The U.S. military-industrial complex is making too much from the 3.8 billion a year (taxpayer dollars) in arms sales to give up buying Congressional favors. For decades, the U.S. has taken the position that it needs a powerful, nuclear presence in the Middle East.

Israel is a mountain that needs to be moved. With no letup in Israel’s deadly settler-colonial behavior, and U.S. support, it will take a worldwide effort to bring economic and political pressure on Israel and America. Humane Israelis will need the assistance of all the compassionate people on this planet to bring about the needed sea change.

There is hope. Places of worship in Puget Sound have taken stands for years. The City of Seattle had allowed Israel to train its police. There is a movement in our City Hall to refuse these deadly Seattle Police exchanges. The Seattle Teachers Union endorsed this refusal by a 90%vote – which included a call to “Boycott, Divest, and Sanction” Israel. Since early June, citizens from the area protested with local dock worker unions to prevent the unloading of an Israeli ZIM ship in Seattle. Increasingly, students in colleges across the country have been protesting harmful Israeli policies. Strive for the right!

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